

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 have been cancelled.

Claims 16-35 are newly presented. Claims 16-35 are based upon Claims 1-15, but have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and other informalities.

A "Related Applications" paragraph has been added.

No new matter has been added.

Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed concurrently herewith to cite references from the PCT Search report. Entry of the IDS is respectfully requested.

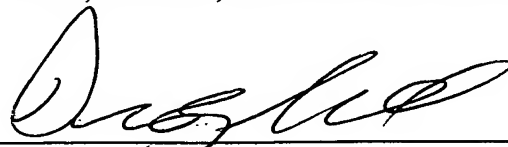
CONCLUSION

Entry of the Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (978) 341-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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